
Single or dual experimental infections with *Vibrio aestuarianus* and OsHV-1 in diploid and triploid *Crassostrea gigas* at the spat, juvenile and adult stages

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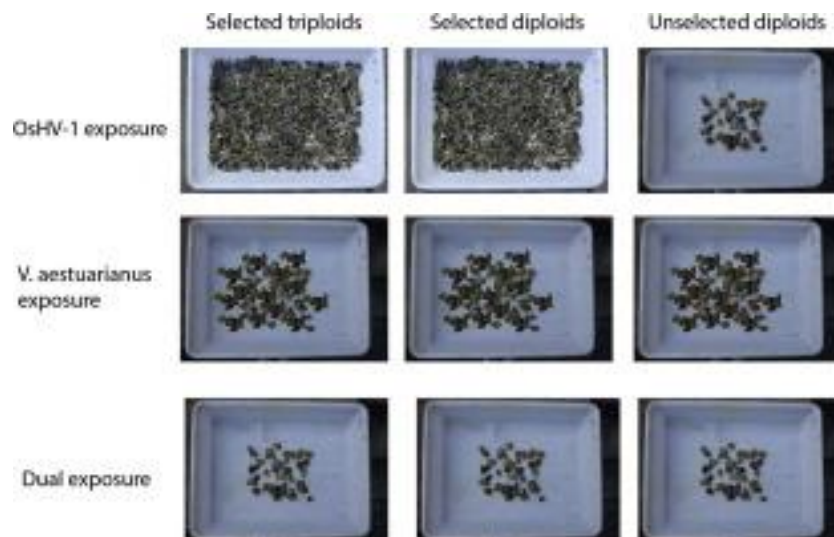
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Abstract :

French production of the Pacific cupped oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, is currently threatened by two pathogens, OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus*. While oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 are now available for the industry, the impact of *V. aestuarianus* on such oysters is unknown, especially for triploids. In addition, experimental infection has used the virus or the bacteria alone, but there have been no investigations of dual exposure to these pathogens. This study is the first report of single or dual exposure in spat (Spat1 and Spat2), juvenile and adult naïve oysters. For each of the two stocks evaluated, unselected oysters and oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 infection were tested, as well as their triploid siblings of the selected oysters produced using cytochalasin B. We confirmed that resistance to OsHV-1 infection and susceptibility to *V. aestuarianus* increased with age and size, although selected oysters were not significantly impacted by OsHV-1 whatever their ploidy, size or age. We found different mortality patterns depending on the pathogen tested. The mortality pattern was similar for oysters exposed to OsHV-1 or to both pathogens in the Spat1 trial (4 months old and 1.9 g). The mortality pattern was similar for oysters exposed to *V. aestuarianus* or to both pathogens in the Adult trial (25 months old and 63.1 g). Surprisingly, mortality was much higher (ranging from 75.9% to 100%), in particular for the selected oysters, for the Spat2 (8 months old/3.9 g) and Juvenile trials (16 months old/18.4 g) given a dual exposure, regardless of the level of selection for OsHV-1 and the ploidy state. Our findings highlight an important threat for oyster farmers: oysters exposed to both pathogens could experience dramatic mortality rates, even in oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1. Finally, our study demonstrated for the first time that triploid oysters were more susceptible to experimental challenges with *V. aestuarianus* at the spat stage than their diploid siblings. However, the difference in mortality between the triploids and diploids remained limited and ranged from 22.9% to 6.6% for spat and adults, respectively with a relatively regularly decrease in the difference with increased age.

Graphical abstract :**Highlights**

► Different mortality patterns depending on the pathogen tested and the oyster life stage. ► Dual exposure lead to higher mortality than single exposure in spat and juvenile. ► Unselected and selected oysters, 2n or 3n, had very high mortality in dual exposure except in Spat1. ► Triploids had a higher susceptibility to *V. aestuarianus* than diploids.

Keywords : *Vibrio aestuarianus*, OsHV-1, Dual exposure, Ploidy, Selection, *Crassostrea gigas*

40 Introduction

41 French production of the Pacific cupped oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, is currently threatened by
42 two pathogens. Indeed, massive mortality events that were formerly episodic and
43 geographically limited have occurred every year since 2008, with high mortality rates for the
44 spat and juveniles (over 70%). A particular OsHV-1 genotype (μ var) has been identified as a
45 causal agent implicated in the mortality (Segarra et al., 2010) which was then found during a
46 period of *C. gigas* mortality in 2004-2005 in Normandy (Martenot et al., 2012). Moreover,
47 significant mortality has been observed in market-sized adults since 2012 (Francois, 2015;
48 Francois et al., 2013, 2014). The primary pathogenic agent found in the dying oysters
49 sampled during these mortality episodes was *Vibrio aestuarianus*. Although more widespread
50 and regular mortality have been reported in France since 2008, it is still not possible to
51 attribute those to either a particular OsHV-1 strain or a higher virulence of *V. aestuarianus*
52 (Goudenège et al., 2015) because these two pathogens have been described in France since
53 1991 and 2001 respectively (Labreuche, et al., 2006; Nicolas, et al., 1992). Genetics,
54 pollutants, cultural practices and other factors could also be involved to explain the intense
55 mortality caused by OsHV-1.

56 The co-detection of OsHV-1 with different species of *Vibrio*, including *Vibrio* belonging to
57 the *V. splendidus* clade and *V. aestuarianus* species, has been observed during several
58 mortality events in France (Francois et al., 2009; Lemire et al., 2015; Saulnier et al., 2010)
59 and New Zealand (Keeling et al., 2014). Recently, mortality was reported to be higher in the
60 presence of OsHV-1 associated with *Vibrio* species than in the presence of OsHV-1 only
61 (Petton et al., 2015).

62 Several breeding investigations have confirmed the high genetic basis for survival for *C.*
63 *gigas* in the spat stage (Dégremont et al., 2010) and therefore to OsHV-1 infection
64 (Dégremont, 2011; Dégremont et al., 2015b). More recently, a mass selection breeding
65 program lead to significant genetic progress enhancing survival and OsHV-1 resistance in *C.*
66 *gigas* (Dégremont et al., 2015c). Regarding *V. aestuarianus*, one study suggested that the
67 *Vibrio* resistance trait had a genetic basis (De Decker, 2007). Later, the genetic parameters
68 were estimated, with a higher genetic variation from spat to adults, although heritability was
69 weak (0.2) (Azema et al., 2015a). This study also showed no significant genetic correlation
70 between resistance to OsHV-1 infections and resistance to *V. aestuarianus* infections.
71 Conversely, selected oysters at the spat stage in the field seemed to exhibit dual resistance to
72 OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* experimental infections at the spat stage but not at the adult
73 stage (Azema et al., 2015b). No experimental infection study to date has used a dual-
74 pathogen exposure with OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* even though both pathogens have been
75 reported in numerous mortality events in France (Francois et al., 2014). A dual exposure
76 could counteract the genetic mechanism of single disease-resistance and bypass host defenses.

77 The French cultured production of *C. gigas* is based on both wild-caught and hatchery-
78 produced spat, representing 70% and 30% of the cultivated spat, respectively. This
79 proportion varies among years due to the availability of wild-caught spat, which strongly
80 depends on diseases and environmental conditions as well as on the number of collectors that
81 are deployed by oyster farmers to harvest the spat. For hatchery-produced spat, production has
82 increased three-fold during the last 10 years, reaching nearly 3 billion individual spat in 2012
83 (Dégremont and Benabdelmouna, 2014). This increase was primarily driven by triploid

84 oysters, which have a better growth and yield compared to their diploid counterparts
85 (Dégremont et al., 2012; Hand et al., 2004). In addition, triploids are preferred over diploids
86 in the summer because diploids are less marketable when in the spawning condition (Allen
87 and Downing, 1986; Nell, 2002). In France, all triploid oysters are produced by private
88 hatcheries, crossing diploid females from their own stocks with tetraploid males from a
89 unique stock produced and maintained at the Ifremer hatchery in La Tremblade (Guo et al.,
90 1996). Triploidy can also be induced using several methods (pressure, heat shock, chemicals)
91 by blocking the extrusion of either the first or the second polar body that occurs during the
92 first hour post-fertilization (Gérard et al., 1999). The induction methods offer the advantage
93 of obtaining triploid offspring that share the same genetic background as their diploid
94 siblings.

95 The effect of ploidy on pathogen-caused mortality remains unclear (Dégremont et al., 2015a).
96 Some studies conducted in field conditions revealed that triploidy confers neither an
97 advantage nor a disadvantage in survival based upon resistance to OsHV-1 infection in *C.*
98 *gigas* (Dégremont et al., 2016) or on the abundance of *Vibrio vulnificus* and *V.*
99 *parahaemolyticus* in *C. virginica* (Walton et al., 2013). In contrast, other studies found a
100 higher disease resistance in triploids compared to diploids; for example, resistance to
101 *Haplosporidium nelsoni* or *Perkinsus marinus* in *C. virginica* (Dégremont et al., 2012) and
102 resistance to *Bonamia roughleyi* in *S. glomerata* (Hand et al., 1998). The effect of ploidy on
103 disease resistance was also investigated through experimental infections by *Vibrio*
104 *aestuarianus* and *V. tasmaniensis* LGP32, but inconsistent results were observed. These
105 results were explained by different patterns of energy allocation in diploid and triploid Pacific
106 oysters at different times of the year (De Decker et al., 2011).

107 Spawning is an important factor on the susceptibility to stress and mortality in diploid *C.*
108 *gigas*. The energy expended during reproduction compromises the immune status of oysters,
109 leaving them easily subject to mortality if a stress occurs in post-spawning stage, such heat
110 stress (Li et al., 2007) or pathogens, including OsHV-1 (Dégremont et al., 2013) and *Vibrio*
111 *sp* (Wendling and Wegner, 2013). Nevertheless, the partial sterility of triploids and their
112 different energy allocations for growth and gametogenesis might not confer on them a higher
113 resistance to stress and mortality. Furthermore, the perception of the French oyster farmer
114 about the mortality of his stock suggests that triploids could be more sensitive to
115 *V. aestuarianus* than diploids.

116 To answer this question for the French oyster industry, we designed an experiment to
117 investigate single and dual exposure to *V. aestuarianus* and OsHV-1 in *C. gigas*. Two lines
118 selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 infection, as well as their respective controls
119 (i.e., not selected), were tested at 4, 8, 16 and 25 months old, corresponding to Spat1, Spat2,
120 Juvenile and Adult trials respectively. To date, lines selected for their higher resistance to *V.*
121 *aestuarianus* infection are not available and could not be tested in this study. In addition, and
122 only for the selected stocks, chemically induced triploids were also evaluated using the same
123 protocol as their diploid siblings. The main objectives of this study were to test the impact of
124 dual disease exposure on two common genetic improvements used in oysters, selective
125 breeding for a single disease-resistance and triploidization, for each stage of development.

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127 1. Materials and methods

128 1.1. Oysters

129 A mass selection scheme to increase survival in *C. gigas* was performed in two stocks (named
130 A and B) of wild oysters sampled in 2008 from two sites in the Marennes-Oléron Bay
131 (Charente Maritime, France). For each stock, a base population, G_0 , was produced in 2009. A
132 sub-sample was kept in our facilities to avoid disease-related mortality and to produce the
133 control line of the following generation (G_1 -C). The other sub-sample of oysters was
134 deployed in the field, where mortality outbreaks caused by OsHV-1 have been routinely
135 observed each year since 2009 (Dégremont et al., 2015c). The survivors were spawned in
136 2010 to produce the selected line G_1 -S. The same approach was used in February 2011,
137 March 2012 and March 2013 to produce G_2 , G_3 and G_4 , respectively; further details are given
138 in Dégremont et al. (2015c).

139 In our study, we used the selected and the control lines of each stock, A and B, produced for
140 G_4 in 2013. The selected lines, named AS and BS, respectively, for stock A and B, and the
141 control lines (named AC and BC) were all diploids. Twenty minutes post-fertilization of the
142 eggs with the spermatozoa for AS and BS, half of the embryos were treated with cytochalasin
143 B for 15 min to suppress the expulsion of the second polar body (PB2) according to a
144 modified protocol (Dégremont et al., 2016; Gérard et al., 1999). The resulting triploid
145 embryos were named 3nAS and 3nBS, which are siblings of AS and BS, respectively. The
146 DNA ploidy level of each triploid line was verified using flow cytometry (FCM) from a
147 sample of larvae as previously described (Dégremont et al., 2016). To our knowledge, this
148 approach doesn't produce tetraploid larvae and spat but it is rather well known to produce a
149 majority of triploids, small amount of diploids and some rare aneuploids. Our protocol used
150 additional steps of sorting by size of larvae and spat in combination with extensive flow
151 cytometry analyses to constitute pure triploid batches with undetectable proportions of spat of
152 unwanted ploidy levels.

153 1.2. Viral and bacterial suspension

154 The *V. aestuarianus* strain used in the bacterial challenges was the highly pathogenic strain
155 02/041 that was isolated during a mortality episode in adults and has been previously studied
156 (De Decker and Saulnier, 2011; Garnier et al., 2007). The *Vibrio* suspension was obtained
157 from an isolate maintained at -80°C . The bacterial strain was placed in liquid Zobell and
158 incubated for 24 h at 20°C with constant shaking at 20 rpm. The resulting solution was
159 centrifuged at $3200 \times g$ for 10 min. The supernatant was discarded, and the pellet was washed
160 and suspended in sterile artificial sea water (SASW) before adjustment to $\text{OD}_{600\text{nm}} = 1$. Purity
161 and bacterial concentration were determined by plating on Zobell agar.

162 The viral suspension was obtained using the protocol of Schikorski et al. (2011). Briefly,
163 after being experimentally infected by injecting 50 μl of an OsHV-1 μvar suspension, dead
164 oysters were dissected. The mantle and gills were removed, pooled, diluted, crushed and
165 filtered using a 0.22- μm filter to obtain a clarified tissue homogenate. The absence of
166 bacteria was confirmed by plating on Zobell agar at 20°C . The viral suspension was
167 maintained at 4°C and renewed when necessary.

1.3. Mortality induction protocols

169 All lines (AC, AS, 3nAS for the stock A; BC, BS and 3nBS for the stock B) were evaluated
170 for resistance to either OsHV-1 or *V. aestuarianus* and to both pathogen infections under
171 experimental infections in four trials: Spat1, Spat2, Juvenile and Adult, for which oysters
172 were 6, 9, 15 and 25 months old, respectively, and weighing about 1.9, 3.9, 18.4 and 63.1 g,
173 respectively (Table 1). The stage name used in our study referred to the stage used by the
174 French oyster farmers which is related to the size of the oysters (spat<5g, juvenile 5-25g,
175 adult>25g). For each pathogen exposure (OsHV-1, *V. aestuarianus* and both), as well as for
176 one control, three 10-L tanks were used for the Spat1, Spat2 and Juvenile groups, and 6 tanks
177 for the Adult group, each containing the six lines. The density per line and per tank was 25
178 oysters for Spat1 and Spat2, which was reduced to 15 for Juveniles and 5 for Adults, to
179 maintain a reasonable biomass in each tank (Table 1). All tanks were filled with filtered and
180 UV-treated seawater and maintained at 21°C with adequate aeration and without adding food.
181 The salinity averaged 32‰ for all challenges. Each oyster was individually tagged for
182 identification.

183 A cohabitation experimental protocol was adapted to evaluate disease resistance in *C. gigas*.
184 First, naïve oysters were anaesthetized (Suquet et al., 2009) and injected with 50 µL of
185 infectious suspensions (bacterial or viral suspension) into the adductor muscle using a 1 mL
186 micro-syringe equipped with an 18-g needle. The injected oysters were transferred into 10-L
187 tanks for 24 h. In the second step, they were placed for 48 h in contact with the 6 lines to test
188 their disease resistance. The control tank used the same protocol but with naïve oysters
189 injected with SASW and placed in contact with the 6 lines. Approximately 50 g of injected
190 oysters (n=4) were placed in each 10-L tank. For dual infection, an equivalent weight of
191 oysters injected with viral suspension (n=2) and oysters injected with bacterial suspension
192 (n=2) was simultaneously placed in the tanks. We considered a dead oyster as an animal that
193 was unable to close its valves after 5 min out of the water. Trials lasted 15 days for Spat1,
194 Spat2, and Juvenile and one month for Adult.

1.4. Detection of OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* DNA

196 For the Juvenile and Adult trials, moribund oysters of all lines were sampled for the detection
197 of OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* DNA. Total DNA was extracted from tissue fragments
198 (mantle + gills) using the QIAgen (Hilden, Germany) QIAamp tissue mini kit combined with
199 the use of the QIAcube automated sample preparation system according to the manufacturer's
200 protocol. The total DNA amount was adjusted to 5 ng/µl following NanoDrop (Thermo
201 Scientific, Waltham, USA) measurement.

202 A real-time PCR assay was conducted on MX3000 and MX3005 Thermocyclers (Agilent,
203 Santa Clara, USA) using the Brilliant III Ultrafast kit (Stratagene). Each reaction was run in
204 duplicate in a final volume of 20 µl containing a DNA sample (5 µl at 5 ng/µl), 200 nM of
205 each primer (for OsHV-1: DPF 5' ATT GAT GATGTG GAT AAT CTG TG 3' and DPR 5'
206 GGT AAA TAC CAT TGG TCT TGTTCC 3' (Webb et al., 2007); for *V. aestuarianus*:
207 DNAj-F 5' GTATGAAATTTTAACTGACCCACAA3'; and DNAj-R 5'
208 CAATTTCTTTTCGAACAACCAC 3' (Saulnier et al., 2009)) and 200 nM of oligonucleotide
209 probe (for *V. aestuarianus* DNAj probe 5' TGGTAGCGCAGACTTCGGCGAC). Real-time

210 PCR cycling conditions were as follows: 3 min at 95°C, followed by 40 cycles of
 211 amplification at 95°C for 5 s and 60°C for 20 s. The standard curve was determined on
 212 serially diluted titrated plasmids provided by the National Reference Laboratory (Ifremer La
 213 Tremblade). For OsHV-1 DNA quantification, melting curves were also plotted (55-95°C) to
 214 ensure that a single PCR product was amplified for each set of primers. Negative controls
 215 (without DNA) were included.

216 *1.5. Statistical analyses*

217 Mortality was analyzed using the Genmod procedure with the SAS 9 software (SAS Institute
 218 Inc., 2012) by a logistic regression for binomial data.

219 To compare the selection factor, only mortality data from the diploid lines AS, BS, AC and
 220 BC were analyzed for each trial (Spat1, Spat2, Juvenile and Adult) and for each experimental
 221 infection condition (OsHV-1, *V. aestuarianus* and both pathogens) using the following model:

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$$Y_{ij} = \text{Logit}(\pi) = \ln \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} = \mu + \text{stock}_i + \text{selection}_j + \text{stock}_i * \text{selection}_j + \varepsilon$$

223 where Y_{ij} was the mortality probability, μ was the intercept, stock_i represented stock A or
 224 stock B, and selection_j represented the level of selection for OsHV-1 resistance (selected S or
 225 control C).

226 To compare the ploidy factor, only mortality data from AS, BS, 3nAS and 3nBS were
 227 analyzed for each trial (Spat1, Spat2, Juvenile and Adult) and each experimental infection
 228 condition (OsHV-1, *V. aestuarianus* and both pathogens) using the following model:

229
$$Y_{ij} = \text{Logit}(\pi) = \ln \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} = \mu + \text{stock}_i + \text{ploidy}_j + \text{stock}_i * \text{ploidy}_j + \varepsilon$$

230 where Y_{ij} was the mortality probability, μ was the intercept, stock_i represented stock A or
 231 stock B, and ploidy_j represented the ploidy of the lines (diploid or triploid).

232 In addition, mortality among the experimental infection conditions within a trial was analyzed
 233 either for the selection factor or the ploidy factor using the following model:

234
$$Y_i = \text{Logit}(\pi) = \ln \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi} = \mu + \text{experimental infection}_i + \varepsilon$$

235 where Y_i was the mortality probability, μ was the intercept, and $\text{experimental infection}_i$
 236 represented the pathogens used (OsHV-1, *V. aestuarianus*, and both pathogens)

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238 Results

239 No mortality occurred in the control tanks for all experimental infection trials, and all
240 mortality data for each line are provided in supplementary tables 1 & 2.

241 *1.6. Comparison of the mortality between diploid unselected (AC and BC) and diploid*
242 *selected (AS and BS) oysters for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 infection*

243 *1.6.1. Experimental infections by OsHV-1*

244 For the experimental infection by OsHV-1 only, mortality started three days post-infection for
245 the unselected oysters (AC/BC) and lasted one week. The mean final cumulative mortality
246 among the tanks of the unselected oysters reached 90.2% in the Spat1 trial and was
247 significantly higher than the selected oysters (AS/BS) at 33.6% ($p<0.0001$) (Fig. 1A) (Table
248 2). Similar findings were observed for the Spat2 and Juvenile trials, although the mortality of
249 the unselected oysters decreased to 79.3% and 60.3%, respectively, and to a lesser extent for
250 the selected oysters, to 6.1% and 14.7% (Fig. 1A). For the Adult trial, the mortality of the
251 unselected oysters (17.5%) was not significantly higher than the mortality of the selected
252 oysters (1.7%) ($p=0.48$) (Table 2) (Fig. 1A). All other factors tested were not significant with
253 the exception of the tank factor for the Spat2 ($p=0.04$) and Juvenile ($p=0.02$) (Table 2) trials.

254 *1.6.2. Experimental infections by V. aestuarianus*

255 The onset of mortality was 5 days post-infection, and a peak was observed 5 to 10 days later.
256 For Spat1, the final cumulative mortality reached 15.6% for the unselected oysters (AC/BC)
257 and was significantly higher than the mortality for the selected oysters (AS/BS) (4.7%)
258 ($p<0.01$) (Fig. 1B). All other factors were not significant with the exception of the tank factor
259 ($p<0.01$) (Table 2). Similar results were observed in the Spat2 trial, although mortality was
260 higher, at 47.9% and 34.6% for the unselected and selected oysters, respectively (Fig. 1B)
261 (Table 2). This trend was confirmed in the Juvenile trial, with mortality rising to 68.3% and
262 64.2% for unselected and selected oysters and reaching 75.6% and 76.7%, respectively, for
263 the Adult trial (Fig. 1B). None of the other factors was significant with the exception of the
264 tank factor in Juvenile trial ($p<0.01$) (Table 2).

265 *1.6.3. Experimental infections by OsHV-1 and V. aestuarianus*

266 For the experimental infection involving the two pathogens, the onset of mortality was 5 days
267 post-infection, and a peak was observed 5 to 10 days later for the Spat2, Juvenile and Adult
268 trials, while mortality was faster for Spat1. For Spat1, the mean final cumulative mortality
269 reached 90.2% for the unselected oysters (AC/BC) and 22.8% for the selected oysters
270 (AS/BS) (Fig. 1C). A significant difference in mortality was found between the AS/BS and
271 AC/BC. In contrast, mortality increased for both groups, to 98.7% for the unselected oysters
272 and 75.9% for the selected oysters for Spat2 and was not significantly different ($p=0.96$) (Fig.
273 1C) (Table 2). Mortality was high and not significantly different in juvenile trial in

274 unselected (100%) and selected oysters (90%) (Fig. 1C) (Table 2). Lower mortality was
275 reported for the Adult trial, but it still remained high, at 60.0% and 76.3%, for the unselected
276 and selected oysters, respectively (Fig. 1C). None of the factors was significant for the Adult
277 trial except the selection factor with lower mortality for the unselected oysters ($p=0.03$)
278 (Table 2).

279 *1.6.4. Comparison of mortality among single or dual disease exposure*

280 For Spat1, the final cumulative mortality among the lines was significantly different among
281 the disease conditions tested ($p<0.0001$), with the lowest mortality for the exposure to
282 *V. aestuarianus* (10.1%), and similar mortality for the oysters exposed either to OsHV-1
283 (61.9%) or both diseases (56.5%). For the Spat2 and Juvenile trials, the dual exposure to
284 pathogens involved significantly higher mortality (87.3% and 95.0%, respectively) than single
285 disease exposure ($p<0.0001$). In a closer look, the unselected oysters in the Spat2 trial
286 exposed to OsHV-1 had higher mortality (79.3%) than those exposed to *V. aestuarianus*
287 (47.9%), while it was the opposite for the selected oysters, at 6.1% and 34.6%, when exposed
288 to the virus and the bacteria, respectively (Fig. 1AB). For Juveniles, unselected oysters had
289 similar mortality when exposed either to OsHV-1 (60.3%) or *V. aestuarianus* (68.3%), while
290 the selected oysters had significantly higher mortality when exposed to the bacteria (64.2%)
291 in comparison to OsHV-1 (14.7%) (Fig. 1AB). For Adults, the final cumulative mortality
292 among the lines was significantly different among the disease conditions tested ($p<0.0001$),
293 with the lowest mortality for the exposure to OsHV-1 (8.0%), and similar mortality for the
294 oysters exposed either to *V. aestuarianus* (76.2%) or both diseases (70.5%).

295 *1.7. Comparison of the mortality between diploid (AS/BS) and triploid (3nAS/3nBS)* 296 *oysters using lines selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 infection*

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298 *1.7.1. Experimental infections by OsHV-1*

299 For the experimental infections with OsHV-1 only, the onset of mortality was 5 days post-
300 infection and no peak of mortality was observed. The mean final cumulative mortality among
301 lines (AS, BS, 3nAS, 3nBS) remained low, at 32.1% for Spat1, 7.9% for Spat2, 13.2% for
302 Juveniles and 2.5% for Adults. For each trial, the tank factor was not significant. The
303 interaction between ploidy and stock was significant for the Spat 1 trial ($p=0.02$) (Table 3).
304 At the stock level, triploid oysters (3nAS) (24.5%) had significantly lower mortality than
305 diploid oysters (AS) (40.0%) for stock A ($p=0.02$), while it was the opposite for stock B
306 (<0.0001), with 27.2% for diploids (BS) and 36.6% for triploids (3nBS) (Fig. 2A). For Spat2,
307 Juvenile and Adult trials, mortality was not significantly different between diploid (6.1%,
308 14.7% and 1.7% for Spat2, Juvenile and Adult, respectively) and triploid (9.7%, 11.7 and
309 3.3%) as well as between stocks (Fig. 2A) (Table 3).

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1.7.2. Experimental infections by *V. aestuarianus*

311 For the experimental infections with *V. aestuarianus* only, the onset of the mortality was 5
312 days post-infection, and a peak was observed 5 to 10 days later. The mean final cumulative
313 mortality among the lines increased from 16.2% for Spat1 to 41.7% for Spat2, 69.0% for
314 Juveniles and 80.0% for Adults. For each trial, the tank factor was significant for the Spat1,
315 Spat2 and Juvenile (Table 3). In contrast, the interaction between ploidy and stock was not
316 significant (Table 3). For all trials, mortality was similar between the two stocks, with the
317 exception of Juveniles, for which stock A (78.9%) had significant higher mortality than line B
318 (59.2%)(Table 3). In contrast, triploids (3nAS/3nBS) had a significantly higher mortality than
319 their diploid counterpart (AS/BS), at 27.6% and 4.7%, respectively, in Spat1 and 48.9% and
320 34.6% in Spat2 (Fig. 2B). Finally, final cumulative mortality was not significantly different
321 between triploids (73.9% and 83.3%) and diploids (64.2% and 76.7%) in Juveniles and
322 Adults, respectively (Fig. 2B) (Table 3).

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1.7.3. Experimental infections by *OsHV-1* and *V. aestuarianus*

324 For the experimental infection involving the two pathogens, the onset of mortality was 5 days
325 post-infection, and a peak was observed 5 to 10 days later. The mean final cumulative
326 mortality among the lines was the lowest for Spat1 (22.5%) and high for Spat2 (82.2%),
327 Juveniles (93.3%) and Adults (83.3%). Within trials, the replicate factor was significant for
328 Spat1 and Spat 2, but not for Juveniles and Adults (Table 3). Mortality was not significantly
329 different between the two stocks for each trial, as well as the interaction between stock and
330 ploidy (Table 3). The final mean cumulative mortality was not significantly different between
331 ploidy for Spat1, Juveniles and Adults, with 22.8% and 22.3% for diploid (AS/BS) and
332 triploid (3nAS/3nBS), respectively, for Spat1, 90.0% and 96.7% for Juveniles, and 78.3% and
333 88.3% for Adults (Table 3) (Fig. 2C). In contrast, triploids (88.5%) had a higher mortality
334 than diploids (75.9%) in Spat2 ($p<0.01$) (Table 3) (Fig. 2C).

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1.7.4. Comparison of mortality among single or dual disease exposure

336 For Spat1, the final cumulative mortality was significantly different among the disease
337 conditions tested ($p=0.04$), with the lowest mortality for the exposure to *V. aestuarianus*
338 (16.2%), intermediate when the two diseases were involved (22.5%) and the highest for the
339 exposure to *OsHV-1* (32.1%). For Spat2 and Juvenile trials, the dual exposure to diseases
340 involved significantly higher mortality (82.2% and 93.3%, respectively) than single disease
341 exposure ($p<0.0001$), with 41.7% and 69.0% for *V. aestuarianus*, respectively, and 7.9% and
342 13.2% for *OsHV-1*, respectively. Finally, exposure to *V. aestuarianus* or exposure to the
343 bacteria and *OsHV-1* involved high but similar mortalities, of 80.0% and 83.3%, respectively,
344 which were significantly higher than the mortality observed when oysters were exposed to
345 *OsHV-1* only (2.5%) ($p<0.0001$).

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347 1.8. Quantification and detection of OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus*

348 For both Juvenile and Adult trials, all moribund oysters exposed to OsHV-1 were detected as
349 positive, with a high amount of viral DNA $>10^{+7}$ copies per mg of fresh oyster tissue (Table
350 4). However, 33% and 66% also tested positive for *V. aestuarianus*, but at a lower amount
351 ($7.7 \cdot 10^{+2}$ and $1.2 \cdot 10^{+5}$ copies of bacterial DNA per mg of tissues for Juveniles and Adults,
352 respectively), suggesting a cross contamination.

353 After exposure to *V. aestuarianus*, this pathogen was detected in 96% and 100% of the
354 moribund oysters analyzed, ranging from $1.2 \cdot 10^{+6}$ to $1.1 \cdot 10^{+8}$ copies of bacterial DNA per mg
355 of fresh oyster tissue (Table 4). OsHV-1 was also detected in 40 and 54% of Juveniles and
356 Adults, respectively, but a low level, with $1.0 \cdot 10^{+3}$ and $3.9 \cdot 10^{+3}$ copies per mg of tissues,
357 respectively. Again, this suggested a cross contamination.

358 For the dual exposure experiments, 82 and 89% were positive for OsHV-1 in Juveniles and
359 Adults, respectively, with a high amount of DNA virus, exceeding 10^{+7} (Table 4). Similarly,
360 all oysters also tested positive to *V. aestuarianus* and again at a high amount, with $4.8 \cdot 10^{+5}$
361 and $7.1 \cdot 10^{+7}$ DNA copies per mg of fresh oyster tissue (Table 4). Regardless of the stock (A
362 or B), the level of selection (unselected or selected for higher resistance to OsHV-1) and the
363 ploidy (diploid or triploid), most of the individuals tested had very high DNA quantities of
364 both pathogens (Fig. 3AB).

365 2. Discussion

366 Three main findings were revealed in this study. The first concerned different mortality patterns
367 among pathogen exposure and among stages (spat, juvenile and adult), the second was the
368 consequence of the dual disease exposure on oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-
369 1, and the third reveals for the first time the impact of the ploidy level on disease-resistance for
370 each and both diseases tested.

371 Field grow-out means that oysters are continuously exposed to pathogens present in the
372 environment. Nevertheless, OsHV-1 is mostly reported in *C. gigas* spat during mortality events
373 in France, while it is *V. aestuarianus* in adults (Barbosa Solomieu et al., 2015). Our experimental
374 infections reinforced this statement, as previously demonstrated by Azema et al.(2015a), with
375 oysters more susceptible to the virus than the bacteria at the spat stage, while it was the opposite
376 in adults regardless of the lines tested (Fig. 1AB & 2AB) .

377 Our study confirms that oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1 had significantly
378 lower mortality than unselected oysters from spat to adults when they were exposed to the virus
379 only (Fig. 1A). The difference in mortality between the unselected and selected oysters
380 decreased from Spat1 to Adult, confirming the development of the resistance to OsHV-1
381 infection with age and size for the unselected oysters (Dégremont, 2013). In addition, our study
382 confirmed that selecting for resistance to OsHV-1 infection in the spat stage did not confer either
383 higher resistance or susceptibility to *V. aestuarianus* infection in adults (Fig. 1B), which is in
384 agreement with a recent study (Azema et al., 2015b). Such findings have been commonly
385 reported for disease-resistant oysters when tested against another disease for which they were not
386 selected, underlying the absence of significant positive or negative genetic correlations between
387 the resistances to two pathogens (Burreson, 1991; Dove et al., 2013; Frank-Lawale et al., 2014;
388 Gay, 2004; Gomez-Leon J et al., 2008).

389 Dual exposure to the bacterium and the virus in Spat2 and Juveniles using 8-month-old to 16-
390 month-old and 3.9 and 18.4 g oysters revealed a significant increase in mortality in comparison
391 with single disease exposure, either by OsHV-1 or by *V. aestuarianus*. This finding was
392 previously observed with other experimental infections, which induced higher mortalities when
393 injecting a mix of *Vibrio* strains (Gay et al., 2004). This result could be due to increased
394 virulence linked to bacterial cooperation (De Decker et al., 2013; Lemire et al., 2015). Moreover,
395 it was observed in juvenile oysters that a rapid *Vibrio* spp. colonization followed by viral
396 replication precedes oyster death (Petton et al., 2015). In our study, we can also hypothesize a
397 direct cooperation between OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* resulting in an increased virulence, as
398 documented for human herpes viruses and bacteria (Slot, 2002) or human respiratory diseases
399 involving influenza virus and bacteria (Smith and Sweet, 2002). Viruses can aid bacteria in all
400 aspects of their pathogenesis (penetration, growth, interference with host immune response, and
401 causation of damage to the host), and conversely bacterial proteases may help the influenza virus
402 to infect cells. We can also propose that the two pathogens act independently but led to additive
403 affects at the animal level (individual co-infection) or the population level. Interestingly,
404 whatever the molecular mechanisms, additive or cooperative effects of those two pathogens were

405 observed in Spat2 and Juvenile oysters only. Either these developmental stages or the
406 physiological status of those animals can be particularly permissive to those two organisms.
407 Indeed, reproductive status may have increased the susceptibility of the oysters tested to
408 pathogens, as previously reported in *C. gigas* for OsHV-1, *Vibrio tasmaniensis* and *V.*
409 *aestuarianus* (De Decker et al., 2011; Dégremont et al., 2016; Li et al., 2007; Samain et al., 2007;
410 Wendling and Wegner, 2013). Our experimental oysters were produced in February 2013, and
411 might not have experienced a first spawning event in the Spat1 stage during June 2013 due to
412 their young age and their small size, while they might have spawned in Spat2 (October 2013) and
413 Juvenile (June 2014) stages. Biologically speaking, spat and juveniles would be unable to
414 reproduce, but here we referred to the stages used by the French oyster farmers which graded
415 their oysters by size. In addition, the last trial of Adults was undertaken in March, which
416 corresponds to the sexual initiation of gametogenesis when the water temperature is low (Fabioux
417 et al., 2005). Unfortunately, we did not control the ripeness of the oysters before our
418 experimental infection. Such control should be systematically undertaken in future experiments.

419 The novelty of our study about the dual exposure concerned in particular the selected oysters for
420 their higher resistance to OsHV-1 infection. Selection to improve the resistance to OsHV-1
421 infection in *C. gigas* can be easily achieved throughout selective breeding programs (Dégremont
422 et al., 2015b; Dégremont et al., 2015c). In the future, oysters selected for their higher resistance
423 to OsHV-1 infection should be used more frequently by oyster farmers, as commercial hatcheries
424 have been developing their own selected lines. Similarly, wild oyster populations of *C. gigas*
425 subsequently exposed to several generations of selective disease pressure should develop a higher
426 resistance to OsHV-1 infection, as observed for *Bonamia ostreae* in *Ostrea edulis* in the USA
427 (Elston et al., 1987). Nevertheless, the higher mortality for dual exposure than single exposure
428 obviously had a greater effect on the selected oysters (AS/BS/3nAS/3nBS), and to a lesser extent
429 the unselected oysters (AC/BC) (Fig. 1ABC & 2ABC). We noted that regardless of the stock (A
430 or B), the level of ploidy (2n or 3n) and the level of selection (unselected or selected for higher
431 resistance to OsHV-1), most of the individuals were highly infected by both pathogens in the
432 Juvenile and Adult stages during the dual exposure (Fig. 3AB). Thus, such exposure
433 counteracted the genetic progress for the resistance to OsHV-1 and bypassed the defense of the
434 host against the virus. Consequently, selection to improve OsHV-1 resistance could be irrelevant
435 when those oysters are exposed to both the virus and the bacteria, although a small difference in
436 mortality in favor of the selected oysters remained (10-13%) (Fig. 1C). The underlying
437 mechanisms of such mortality are unknown and further investigations should address this point.
438 Meanwhile, such mortality seems not to occur in the field, as oysters selected for their higher
439 resistance to OsHV-1 have always exhibited higher survival than unselected oysters each year
440 since 2001 in the Marennes-Oléron Bay (Dégremont et al., 2010; Dégremont et al., 2015c).
441 Nevertheless, our findings highlighted an important threat for oyster farmers. Thus, selective
442 breeding programs should focus on dual resistance, which should be possible according to a
443 recent study showing no significant genetic correlation between the resistance to OsHV-1 and the
444 resistance to *V. aestuarianus* (Azema et al. 2015a).

445 Triploid oysters grown by the farmers are mostly all-triploid oysters produced by mating diploid
446 females to tetraploid males (Guo et al., 1996). Commercial hatcheries used their own diploid
447 stocks while the tetraploid oysters come from a unique stock produced by the patented method of

448 Benabdelmouna and Ledu (2007). In our study, the chemically induced triploids have the main
449 advantage of not confounding the ploidy and the germplasm factors. Selected triploids
450 performed as well as their diploid siblings when exposed to OsHV-1, whatever their age or size,
451 in experimental infection under laboratory conditions. This confirmed results obtained in field
452 conditions that OsHV-1 resistance was not substantially altered by triploidization and that
453 mortality related to OsHV-1 is similar between diploids and triploids in *C. gigas* when the same
454 germplasm is used for both ploidy states (Dégremont et al., 2016).

455 As observed for the selected diploids, the susceptibility of triploids to *V. aestuarianus* increased
456 with size and age (Fig. 2A). Interestingly, our study clearly showed that triploid oysters seemed
457 more susceptible to *V. aestuarianus* than their diploid siblings, particularly at the spat stage. This
458 is the first report in the literature. Nevertheless, the difference in mortality between the two
459 ploidy states remained limited and regularly decreased from Spat1 to Adult, with 22.9%, 14.6%,
460 9.7% and 6.6%, respectively. One of the hypotheses to explain the higher susceptibility of
461 triploids would be a higher risk of infection by the bacteria due to their higher filtration rate. This
462 statement is speculative only because no studies, surprisingly, have compared the filtration rate
463 between diploid and triploid oysters. A second hypothesis considers reproductive effort. Despite
464 much lower mature gamete production in triploid oysters relative to diploid, their reproductive
465 effort can be significant, even in young individuals (Normand et al., 2009). In addition, a study
466 revealed that active gametogenesis periods correspond to higher susceptibility to vibriosis and
467 that there is a significant interaction of the season with ploidy (De Decker et al., 2011). In our
468 study, such interaction was not reported because triploids had always higher mortality than
469 diploids (Fig. 2B) throughout the four trials.

470 Although, the chemically induced triploids showed a higher susceptibility to *V. aestuarianus*,
471 than their diploid siblings, further investigations are now necessary to focus on all-triploids used
472 by farmers.

473 The difference in mortality among tanks observed, in particular when *V. aestuarianus* was
474 involved (Table 2) could be explained by the mortality induction protocols used, which may not
475 be identical among the tanks. Naïve oysters were injected with 50 µL of infectious suspensions
476 (bacterial or viral suspension) into the adductor muscle and then placed for 48 h in contact with
477 the 6 lines to test their disease resistance. If the injected oysters excrete bacteria or virus in a
478 limited amount (< to the minimal infective dose) during this period, we failed to trigger the
479 mortality in one tank, as observed for one tank of *V. aestuarianus* in spat2. Conversely, if the
480 injected oysters excreted high quantities of bacteria or virus, one tank had much higher mortality
481 for the others as observed for *V. aestuarianus* in Juvenile. Thus, the donors combined to the
482 genetic resistance of oysters could explain the difference observed among tank, although the
483 ranking of the batches evaluated were mostly identical among the tanks.

484 Finally, the detection at a low level of OsHV-1 DNA for the bacterial challenge and *V.*
485 *aestuarianus* DNA for the viral challenge for some of the moribund oysters is more likely to be
486 related to degraded DNA due to the UV-treated seawater. Their detection could be explained by
487 the seawater pumped into the Marennes-Oléron Bay, where mortality related to OsHV-1/*V.*
488 *aestuarianus* is now commonly reported. Thus, filtration and UV-treated seawater likely

489 removed most bacteria and viral particles, and the DNA detected was likely inactive or degraded
490 DNA. The absence of mortality for controls confirmed this statement.

491 **3. Conclusions**

492 This study is the first to investigate the mortality of a single or a dual exposure to the two main
493 disease agents affecting the French oyster production of *C. gigas*. Although only two stocks were
494 used in our study, the oysters also reflected different source of oysters used by farmers with
495 unselected oysters, oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-1, and their selected
496 triploid siblings. The experimental infections conducted from spat to adult using naïve oysters
497 clearly revealed different mortality patterns depending on the pathogen tested. Thus, resistance
498 to OsHV-1 infection and susceptibility to *V. aestuarianus* increased with age and size, although
499 selected oysters were not significantly impacted by OSHV-1 whatever their size or age. We
500 clearly showed that the mortality pattern was similar when oysters were exposed to OsHV-1 or
501 exposed to both pathogens for Spat 1 (4 months old and 1.9 g). Similarly, the mortality pattern
502 was similar when oysters were exposed to *V. aestuarianus* or exposed to both pathogens in
503 Adults (25 months old and 63.1 g). Surprisingly, mortality was much higher for Spat2 and
504 Juveniles (8-16 months old and 3.9-18.4 g) for the dual exposure than a single pathogen
505 exposure, regardless of the level of selection for OsHV-1 and the ploidy. Our finding highlighted
506 an important threat for oyster farmers, where oysters exposed to both pathogens at the same time
507 could experience dramatic mortality, even in oysters selected for their higher resistance to OsHV-
508 1. Finally, our study reports for the first time a potential impact of triploidy on the susceptibility
509 to *V. aestuarianus*. Tested triploid oysters were more susceptible to *V. aestuarianus* than their
510 diploid siblings, although the difference in mortality between both ploidy states remained limited
511 and regularly decreased from Spat1 to Adults, at 22.9% and 6.6%, respectively. Our study
512 highlighted the importance of developing rapid selective breeding programs for dual resistance to
513 OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* infections.

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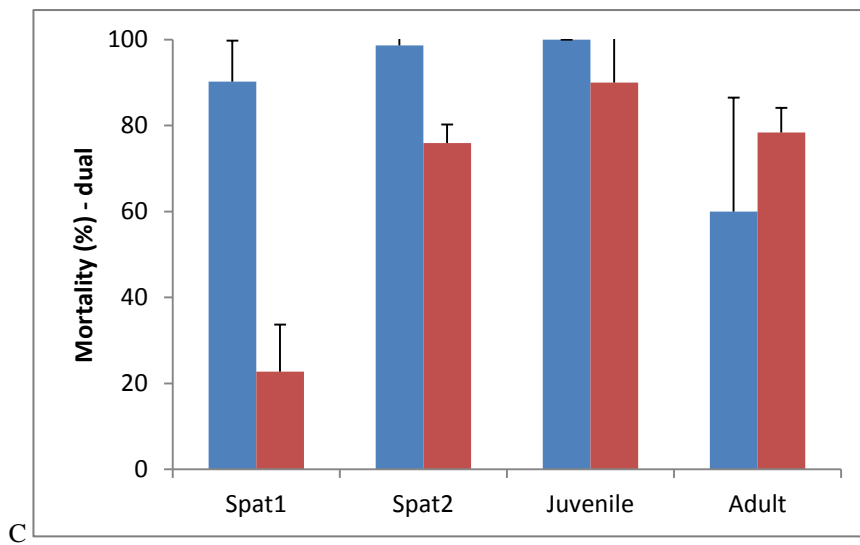
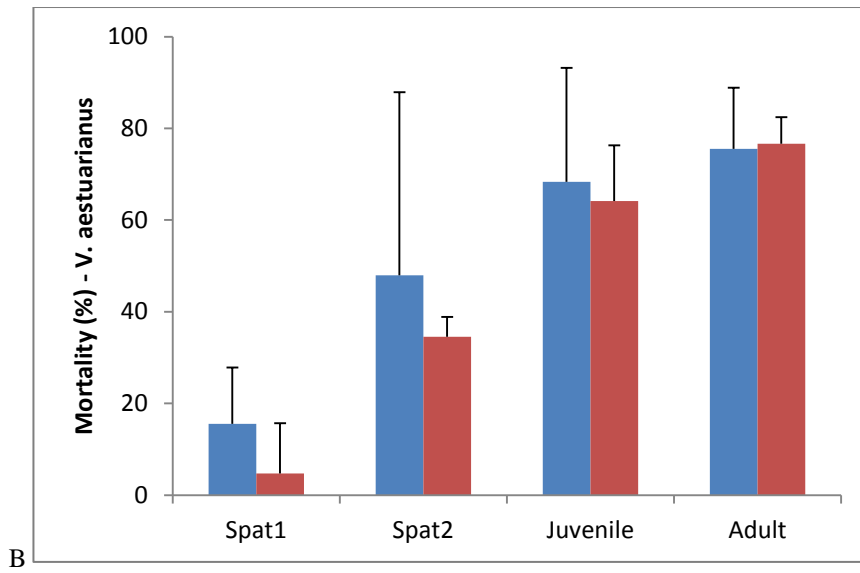
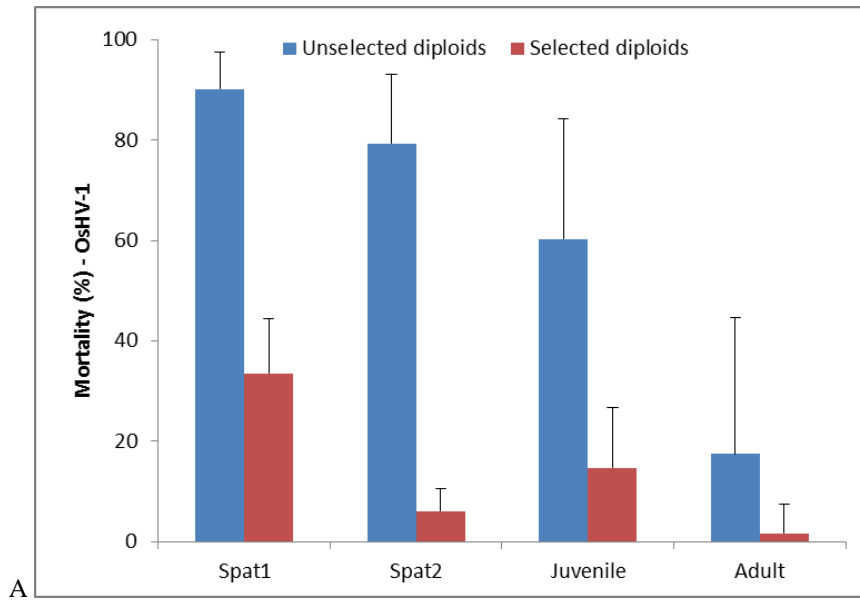


Fig. 1: Mean final mortality (+SD between stocks A and B) for unselected and selected diploid oysters after either single pathogen exposure to OsHV-1 (A) and *V. aestuarianus* (B) or dual pathogen exposure (C). Trials lasted 15 days for Spat1, Spat2 and Juvenile and one month for Adult. See Table 1 for more details of each trial.

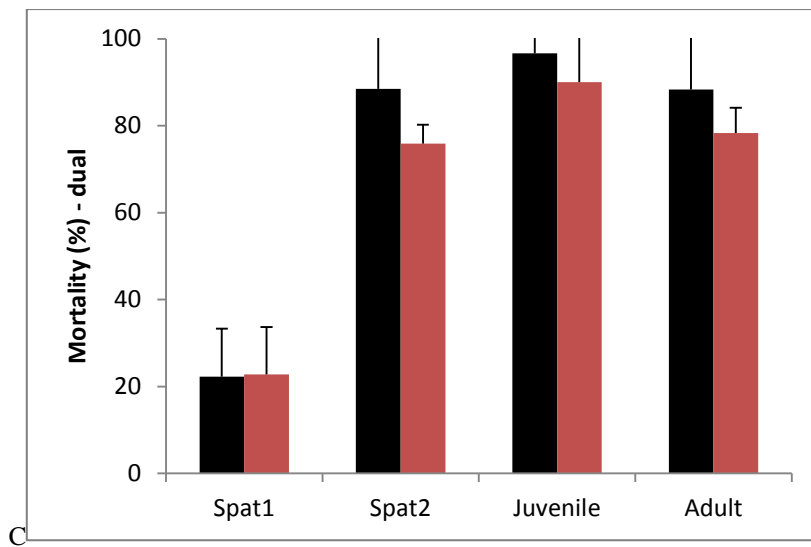
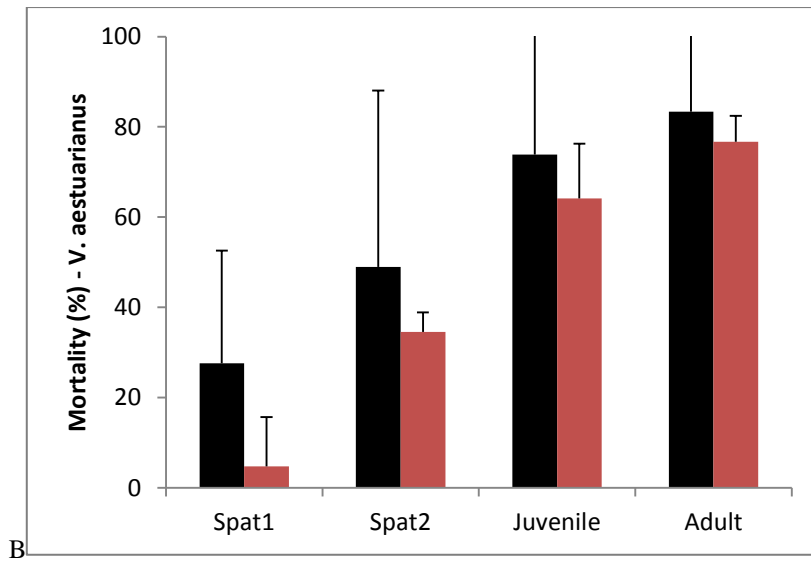
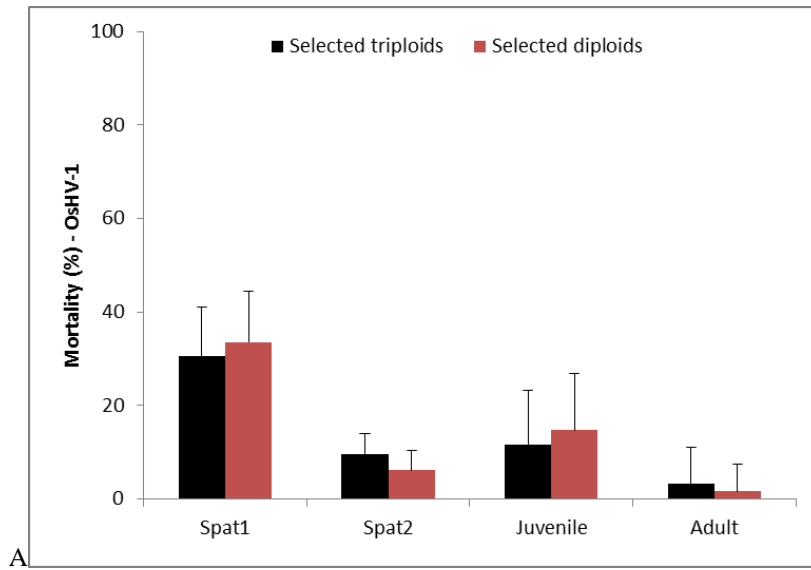


Fig. 2: Mean final mortality (+SD between stocks A and B) of diploid and triploid oysters after either single pathogen exposure to OsHV-1 (A) and *V. aestuarianus* (B) or dual pathogen exposure (C). Trials lasted 15 days for Spat1, Spat2 and Juvenile and one month for Adult. See Table 1 for more details of each trial.

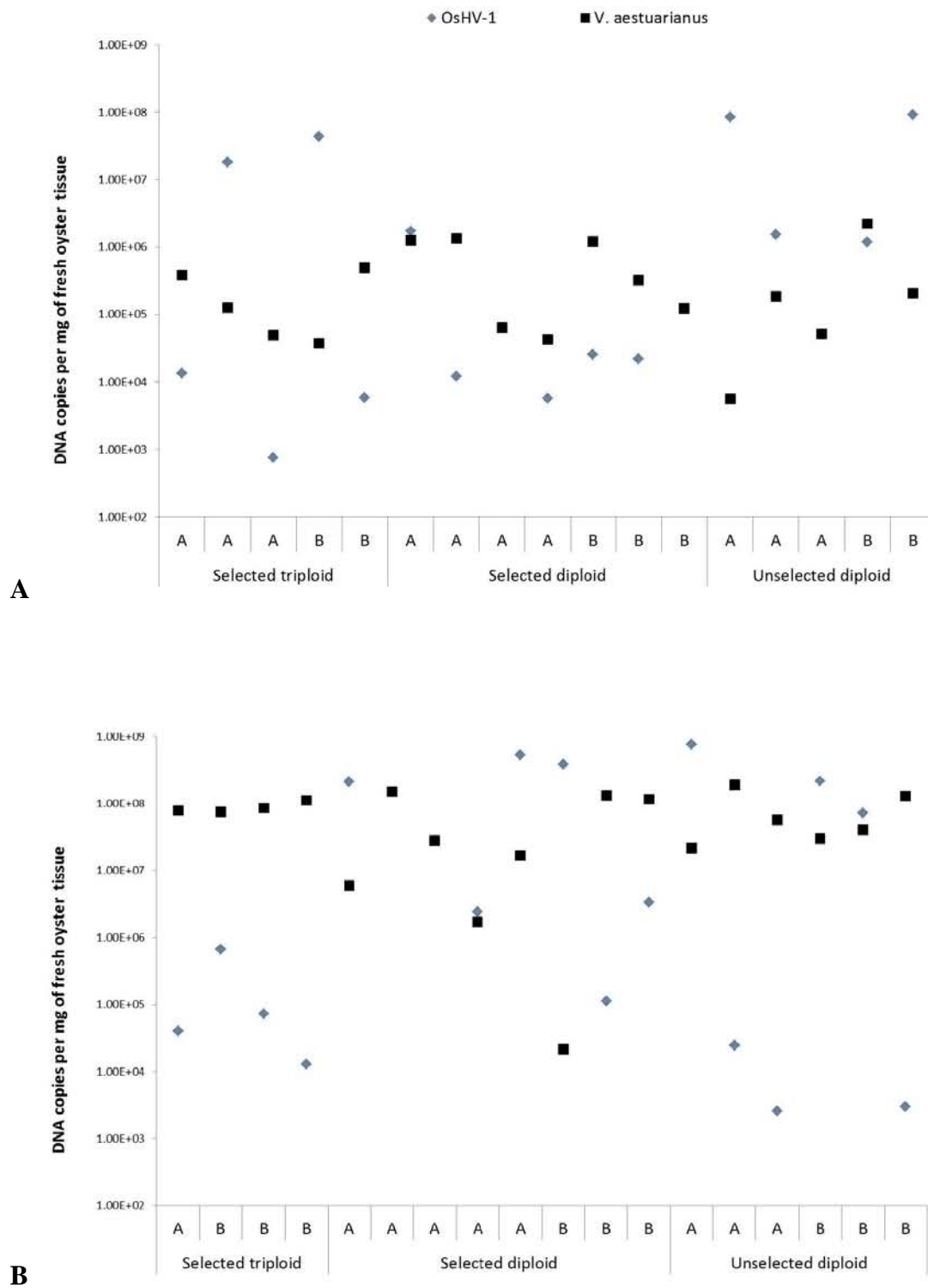


Fig. 3: DNA copies of OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* detected in individual moribund selected triploid and diploid oysters and unselected diploids after a dual pathogen exposure in Juveniles (A) and Adults (B).

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2 **Table 1: Summary of the trials to evaluate OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* susceptibility**

Trial	Spat1	Spat2	Juvenile	Adult
Infection protocol	cohabitation	cohabitation	cohabitation	cohabitation
Date of challenge	Jun 2013	Oct 2013	Jun 2014	Mar 2015
Age (months)	4	8	16	25
Individual weight (g)	1.9	3.9	18.4	63.1
Stage	Spat	Spat	Juvenile	Adult
Number of tanks/condition ¹	3	3	3	6
Tank volume (l)	10	10	10	10
Lines tank ⁻¹	6	6	6	6
Oysters line ⁻¹ tank ⁻¹	25	25	15	5

3 ¹ condition: control, OsHV-1 exposure, *V. aestuarianus* exposure, dual pathogen exposure

4 **Table 2: Logit analysis of mortality for selected and unselected lines among diploid oysters for single or dual pathogen**
5 **exposure**

Pathogen	Factor	Spat1			Spat2		Juvenile		Adult	
		DF	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>
OsHV-1	replicate	2	0.93	0.40	3.33	0.04	4.01	0.02	0.91	0.48
	selection	1	80.49	<.0001	107.86	<.0001	24.32	<.0001	0.00	0.98
	stock	1	0.03	0.86	3.7	0.06	0.96	0.33	0.00	0.98
	stock*selection	1	2.68	0.10	1.15	0.28	0.21	0.65	0.00	0.98
<i>Vibrio aestuarianus</i>	replicate	2	5.08	<0.01	25.92	<.0001	5.79	<0.01	1.35	0.25
	selection	1	9.57	<0.01	7.88	<0.01	0.23	0.63	0.01	0.93
	stock	1	0.08	0.77	0.23	0.63	0.77	0.38	1.92	0.17
	stock*selection	1	0.41	0.52	0.32	0.57	0.14	0.71	0.01	0.93
Both	replicate	2	6.70	<0.01	7.60	<0.01	0.39	0.68	0.96	0.44
	selection	1	95.78	<.0001	0.00	0.96	0.00	0.98	5.05	0.03
	stock	1	0.98	0.32	0.00	0.97	0.00	1.00	3.61	0.06
	stock*selection	1	0.22	0.64	0.00	0.98	0.00	1.00	0.41	0.53

6 stock*selection: interaction between the stocks (A or B) and the selection level (unselected or selected oysters for their higher
7 resistance to OsHV-1)

9 **Table 3: Logit analysis of mortality for triploid and diploid oysters among selected lines for single or dual pathogen exposure**

Pathogen	Factor	Spat1			Spat2		Juvenile		Adult	
		DF	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>	F	<i>p</i>
OsHV-1	replicate	2	1.19	0.30	1.03	0.36	1.55	0.22	0.00	1.00
	ploidy	1	0.32	0.57	1.37	0.24	0.25	0.62	0.00	1.00
	stock	1	0.00	0.96	0.02	0.89	0.01	0.92	0.00	1.00
	stock*ploidy	1	5.48	0.02	0.48	0.49	0.25	0.62	0.00	0.98
<i>Vibrio aestuarianus</i>	replicate	2	14.45	<.0001	22.49	<.0001	5.53	<0.01	2.01	0.08
	ploidy	1	23.90	<.0001	6.30	0.01	2.25	0.14	0.57	0.45
	stock	1	0.43	0.51	0.19	0.66	6.48	0.01	0.00	0.97
	stock*ploidy	1	2.80	0.10	0.14	0.70	4.40	0.04	2.88	0.09
Both	replicate	2	4.27	0.02	14.03	<.0001	0.83	0.44	0.73	0.60
	ploidy	1	0.02	0.88	7.90	<0.01	0.00	0.97	1.35	0.25
	stock	1	0.43	0.51	0.99	0.32	0.00	0.97	0.37	0.54
	stock*ploidy	1	0.99	0.32	0.01	0.94	0.00	0.98	0.39	0.53

10 stock*ploidy: interaction between the stocks (A or B) and the ploidy (diploid or triploid oysters selected for their higher resistance to
11 OsHV-1)

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13 **Table 4: Detection and mean quantification of OsHV-1 and *Vibrio aestuarianus* in Juvenile and Adult stages**

Trial	Pathogen exposure	OsHV-1			<i>V. aestuarianus</i>		
		Positive/analyzed	Prevalence (%)	Quantification	Positive/analyzed	Prevalence (%)	Quantification
Juvenile	OsHV-1	9/9	100	$2.8 \cdot 10^{+7}$	3/9	33	$7.7 \cdot 10^{+2}$
	<i>V. aestuarianus</i>	10/25	40	$1.0 \cdot 10^{+3}$	24/25	96	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+6}$
	Both	14/17	82	$1.7 \cdot 10^{+7}$	17/17	100	$4.8 \cdot 10^{+5}$
Adult	OsHV-1	3/3	100	$8.2 \cdot 10^{+8}$	2/3	66	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+5}$
	<i>V. aestuarianus</i>	7/13	54	$3.9 \cdot 10^{+3}$	13/13	100	$1.1 \cdot 10^{+8}$
	Both	16/18	89	$1.4 \cdot 10^{+8}$	18/18	100	$7.1 \cdot 10^{+7}$

Supplementary Table 1 Mortality (%) of the control lines (AC & BC) and the selected lines (AS & BS) after either single pathogen exposure to OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* or dual pathogen exposure

Étiquettes de lignes		Spat1		Total spat1	Spat2		Total spat2	Juvenile		Total juvenile	Adult		Total adult
		Control	Selected		Control	Selected		Control	Selected		Control	Selected	
OsHV-1	mean	90.2	33.6	61.9	79.3	6.1	42.7	60.3	14.7	37.5	17.5	1.7	8.0
	A	88.0	40.0	64.0	88.3	7.1	47.7	67.3	16.1	41.7	40.0	0.0	10.0
	B	92.3	27.2	59.7	70.3	5.1	37.7	53.3	13.3	33.3	10.0	3.3	6.7
<i>V. aestuarianus</i>	mean	15.6	4.7	10.1	47.9	34.6	41.2	68.3	64.2	66.3	75.6	76.7	76.2
	A	16.0	3.9	9.9	47.6	34.0	40.8	73.3	66.7	70.0	86.7	83.3	84.4
	B	15.1	5.6	10.3	48.2	35.2	41.7	63.3	61.7	62.5	70.0	70.0	70.0
both	mean	90.2	22.8	56.5	98.7	75.9	87.3	100.0	90.0	95.0	60.0	78.3	70.5
	A	90.8	26.7	58.8	97.3	72.4	84.8	100.0	93.3	96.7	40.0	73.3	62.2
	B	89.7	18.8	54.2	100.0	79.4	89.7	100.0	86.7	93.3	70.0	83.3	76.7
Total général		65.3	20.4	42.8	75.3	38.9	57.1	76.2	56.3	66.3	52.3	52.2	52.3

AC = line "A" and column "Control"; BC = line "B" and column "Control"

AS = line "A" and column "Selected"; BS = line "B" and column "Selected"

Supplementary Table 2 Mortality (%) of the selected diploid lines (AS & BS) and the selected triploid lines (3nAS & 3nBS) after either single pathogen exposure to OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* or dual pathogen exposure

Étiquettes de lignes		Spat1		Total spat1	Spat2		Total spat2	Juvenile		Total juvenile	Adult		Total adult
		2n	3n		2n	3n		2n	3n		2n	3n	
OsHV-1	mean	33.6	30.5	32.1	6.1	9.7	7.9	14.7	11.7	13.2	1.7	3.3	2.5
	AS	40.0	24.5	32.2	7.1	8.6	7.9	16.1	10.0	13.0	0.0	6.7	3.3
	BS	27.2	36.6	31.9	5.1	10.8	8.0	13.3	13.3	13.3	3.3	0.0	1.7
<i>V. aestuarianus</i>	mean	4.7	27.6	16.2	34.6	48.9	41.7	64.2	73.9	69.0	76.7	83.3	80.0
	AS	3.9	36.0	19.9	34.0	50.6	42.3	66.7	91.1	78.9	83.3	76.7	80.0
	BS	5.6	19.2	12.4	35.2	47.3	41.2	61.7	56.7	59.2	70.0	90.0	80.0
both	mean	22.8	22.3	22.5	75.9	88.5	82.2	90.0	96.7	93.3	78.3	88.3	83.3
	AS	26.7	21.9	24.3	72.4	86.1	79.2	93.3	100.0	96.7	73.3	90.0	81.7
	BS	18.8	22.7	20.7	79.4	90.9	85.2	86.7	93.3	90.0	83.3	86.7	85.0
Total général		20.4	26.8	23.6	38.9	49.0	44.0	56.3	60.7	58.5	52.2	58.3	55.3

AS = line "AS" and column "2n"; BS = line "BS" and column "2n"

3nAS = line "AS" and column "3n"; 3nBS = line "BS" and column "3n"